

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 09/409,947 Confirmation No. 6167  
Applicant : Nizri et al.  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed November 1, 2007, the time for responding having been extended herewith by one month until March 03, 2008, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.